ABSTRACT

Methods are described whereby multiple users can swap a controller of consumer devices

between themselves frequently, whilst each retains the ability to reinstate their own customized

controller interface through a quick and simple yet secure log-on procedure. Stored data

5   accessible to the controller is used to automatically upon log-on return a user to a system state

associated with that user, which is typically the system state of the controller that existed the last

time the user logged on thereto. The log-on procedure may include fingerprint and/or voice

recognition. Additionally, time-out algorithms wherein the controller automatically shuts down

and/or logs-off the current user as a security measure to prevent unauthorized users from gaining

10   access thereto, may take into account factors other than merely the amount of time that has

passed during which there has been no activity.